

Church @ The Pines



The Church @ The Pines Newsletter 01.09.23

Order Of Service 17th September 2023

Leader: Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby

Welcome/Notices

Time of quiet to prepare for service

Opening Worship

- Father God, I wonder
- My Jesus, my Saviour
- Prayers
- God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
- Young People leave for Sunday School

Bible Readings

1. Romans 14:1-12
2. Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Hymn: Just as I am, without one plea

Intercessions/The Lord's prayer

Young People return and share

Communion

Hymn: Let us build a house where love

Benediction

The Grace

Coffee

Notices

Prayers this week

We pray for Linda and her family, on the recent passing of her Dad. We also pray for Beth's nephew and his half after the passing of their Father. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. We place those we know who are grieving into God's loving hands because he knows exactly what they need.

Church Finances

We do not take a collection during the service but a Response Box is on the Information Table, should you wish to make a donation to the work of our Church. Alternatively, you could sign a Standing Order form committing to regular monthly giving, which allows our Treasurer (Ben) to monitor the church finances more closely. Please do speak with Ben if you wish to make arrangements for this.

Notices From St Michael's

School Admissions

To make the system fair and transparent, those wishing to apply to St Michael's or Ranelagh church schools on church attendance criteria will be asked to sign a register at the back of church each time they attend (even if they have a sibling at the school). To make sure that all new signees understand the admissions criteria we ask that you email the parish office to make an appointment.

Please note: Please go to the relevant school website for the latest admissions policy.

Ranelagh amended Admissions Policy from 2024.

<https://www.ranelagh.bonitas.org.uk/admissions-policy/>

St Michaels new policy

<https://www.stmichaelseasthampstead.com/admissions/>

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SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER

Time: 17:30 - 18:30

**Where: St Michael & St Mary
Magdalene Church Annexe,
RG12 7ER**

No appointment required.



Parish Walk

Organised by Mothers' Union

Saturday 30th September 2023

Come and join us for a walk around the Parish including a visit to all of our churches.

Total distance 5.5 miles.

Join us for the whole distance or a part of it – or just the picnic at South Hill Park.

The route follows tarmac, woodland and some gravel paths.

10 am meet for 10.15 depart from St Michael's Car Park

11 am meet at St Francis and St Clare Jennett's Park

12.00 meet at The Pines School (Rear Entrance at Pendlebury)

12.45 Picnic on rear lawn at South Hill Park (Bring your own)

2 pm Return to St Michael's.

Short service followed by Tea and Cake.

For more information contact Rachel Moss – rapmoss@ntlworld.com

Romans 14:1-12

The weak and the strong

14 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. 2 One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. 3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. 8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written:

“As surely as I live,” says the Lord,
“Every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.”

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Matthew 18: 21-35

The parable of the unmerciful servant

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?’
²² Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’^[a]
²³ ‘Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^[b] was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.
²⁶ ‘At this the servant fell on his knees before him. “Be patient with me,” he begged, “and I will pay back everything.” ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. [L4](#) He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.

²⁹ 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back."

³⁰ 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'